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Extra Rations For Christmas

London, Dec. 21.—Britons will get a slight addition to their tightly rationed diet for Christmas.
The Ministry of Food has allocated an extra half pound of sugar, a quarter pound of fat and two ounces of candy for each ration book holder. Normal weekly rations are a half pound of sugar, two ounces of fat and three ounces of candy.
A small amount of non-rationed meat loaf and sausage has been added to butchers' normal supplies.
—Associated Press.

Abdullah Appoints New Mufti

Amman, Dec. 21.—In an apparent effort to undermine the Gaza Palestine Government, King Abdullah of Transjordan today appointed a new Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to replace Hajj Amin el Husseini.
In a message to his Prime Minister, the King said he had appointed Sheikh Husam Eddin Jarallah as the new Mufti.
King Abdullah declared that the present Mufti, who was appointed by Britain in 1929, had absented himself too long from Jerusalem and interfered with matters inconsistent with religious duties.
The present Mufti is one of the main supporters of the Gaza-Arab government set up in the Negev under Egyptian sponsorship and opposed to King Abdullah's policy of uniting Palestine and Transjordan under his own crown.
During the war years, Amin el Husseini supported the Nazis and visited several Axis countries.
The new Mufti is a tall, white bearded former chief justice of Transjordan and a former head of Palestine's Moslem court. He now lives in Jericho, a refugee from the new city of Jerusalem where his home stood formerly. He now plans to set up his headquarters in the Jerusalem area.
The King appointed him directly without the approval of the Moslem Council owing to the unsettled war conditions.
—Associated Press.

HONGKONG AIR DISASTER Mr Quentin Roosevelt One Of The Victims

CNAC'S VICE-PRESIDENT
Mr Quentin Roosevelt, Vice-President of CNAC was one of the passengers who lost his life in the air disaster a few miles outside of Hongkong yesterday afternoon.

Mr Roosevelt was a grandson of the late United States President Theodore Roosevelt, and son of the late Brig-General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. He had been in China about a year, reports Associated Press. His wife and three daughters are in Shanghai.
According to a Reuter report from Shanghai, an official of CNAC said there were 28 passengers and a crew of seven aboard the Skymaster which crashed on Basalt Island, about 10 miles from Kai Tak.
Among distinguished persons reported to have been on the plane were Dr Peng Hsueh-pei, former Minister of Information, and Mr Peng Yu-cheng, Director of the Central News Agency in Shanghai.
Police spent this morning removing bodies strewn around the scene of the crash.
The local office of CNAC today listed the following passengers aboard their Skymaster which crashed at Basalt Island:
Wang Hu Chih-nuen; Wang Wen-hsi, Chiao Kuo-hwa, Chen Yi, Han Ming-yi; Lo Liang-kam, Wat Sui; Wat Man; Fang Pei-lam; Quentin Roosevelt; Chiang Cho-feng; Hsu Chan-kwok; Wu Ching-an; Wu Chu Chin-chun; Wu Chu Yau-chun; Liao Teh-chuen; Chen Tung Suk-fen; Yung Ye-jen; Feng Yau-chien; Feng Hao-hsu; Wang Muk-chung; Chang Shou; Chen Shih-chiao; Shen Shih-nien; Yang Mel-lam; Chen Tao Wei-shen; Lo Shiao-fen; Lu Ti-ti.

Indonesians Not Likely To Hold Jogjakarta

Paris, Dec. 21.—Indonesian Republican forces do not expect to be able to hold Jogjakarta, the Republican capital of Java reported recaptured from the Dutch, Mr Soedjatmoko, the spokesman for the Indonesian delegation here, told a press conference today.
"We just have not got the equipment," he said.
"After the first shock of surprise, our people were able to drive out the paratroopers and airborne troops before they could be reinforced by an armoured spearhead," Mr Soedjatmoko added.

Dead For 48 Hours

Pescara, Dec. 21.—An Italian, 48-year-old Vincenzo Filoteo, certified dead 48 hours before and about to be buried, sat up at his funeral today and then collapsed at the sight of the coffin and candles.
Some mourners fled in panic. Filoteo was found apparently dead in a lonely mountain farmhouse near Pescara.
After a massive and medical attention, he joined the doctor and mourners at what was to have been his funeral breakfast.
Filoteo said that he dreamt he was going through a beautiful garden to the gate of Paradise, but an unknown person turned him away.—Reuter.

China Aid Programme Suspended

Mr Paul Hoffman's Bombshell

Washington, Dec. 21.—His survey of the situation in China had resulted in the suspension of the \$70 million reconstruction programme, Mr Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said today.
He said his decision was made after conferring in Shanghai with Mr Roger Lapham, the aid administrator in China. The reconstruction programme would be "held in suspense" until the situation in China is clarified.
After conferring with President Truman today, Mr Hoffman told newspapermen that all construction work and most of the engineering surveys in China would be stopped under this decision.
Engineering surveys would continue on projects where they were nearly completed. Among these were a power plant in Formosa, some railway rehabilitation in Southern China, and work on the piers at Tsingtau, where the United States Navy has a base.

RELIEF TO CONTINUE

Mr Hoffman said about \$1,000,000 was involved in the reconstruction engineering surveys and he expected several hundred thousand dollars would ultimately be saved through his decision to stop the programme for the present.
The distribution of relief would continue in the five Chinese cities in which the Economic Co-operation Administration was now operating, even if those cities fell to the Communists, provided any de facto Communist Government guaranteed to meet the conditions prevailing under the present Government.
Those conditions were the safety of ECA personnel and full publicity that the aid originated in the United States.

FLUID SITUATION

Mr Hoffman did not know how much aid funds would be requested for China in the future. "The situation is so fluid and so full of uncertainties, the probability is that if we do anything at all, we shall request a deficiency appropriation to carry us through to June 30, 1949, with no further requests until the situation in China becomes much clearer," he said.
Mr Hoffman said that in Korea he found "a group of officials who are quite determined to make Korea a bastion of democracy."
"I found a people who are fastening liberty for the first time in years and who are determined to hold on to it."

Aides-de-Camp To King

London, Dec. 21.—The King has approved the appointments of the following officers to be his Aides-de-Camp: The London Gazette announced tonight Brigadier (Temporary) Major-General Thomas John Willoughby, Winter, CBE, with effect from October 27 last, vice Major-General Evan A.B. Miller, DSO, MC, promoted substantive Major-General; Colonel (Temporary) Brigadier Edward N. Croxall, CBE, MC, with effect from November 1 last, vice Colonel The Hon. Major-General Fendall, CBE, MC, with effect from October 27 last, vice Major-General Evan A.B. Miller, DSO, MC.—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS CONTINUE RETREAT

Former Hsuehchow Garrison Now Unable To Escape

REDS ATTACK AT PEIPING

Pengpu, Dec. 22.—Continued Government retreat from the Hwai River line indicated on Tuesday that all hope was lost for the Southward escape of the former Hsuehchow garrison. Resistance by the trapped garrison is serving mainly to divert the Communist strength while Government units fall back toward Nanking.

(A Communist broadcast, heard in San Francisco, hinted it will not be long before strong Red forces reach the Yangtze at a point 30 miles East of Nanking where the Grand Canal flows into the river.)
(The broadcast claimed capture of Kaoyu, 65 miles Northeast of Nanking, last Thursday and indicated the next objective would be the Grand Canal town of Yangchow.)

Red troops north of the Hwai are reported to have reopened vital sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railroad. (An informed Nanking source said Red trains are moving south of Hsuehchow as far as 65 miles.)

Any Communist establishment of a rail head south Hsuehchow would ease the supply problem for the offensive towards the Yangtze. A foreign missionary arriving in Pengpu on Tuesday said Communist trains operate by night to escape bombings by the Government airforce.

(The Communist radio said the 35th Army, one of the main forces of the North China Government commander, General Fu Tso-yi, was encircled in mountains 60 miles Northwest of Peiping and is being bombarded with demands to surrender.—Associated Press)

ATTACK CHECKED

Peiping, Dec. 22.—The Nationalists checked a Communist attack during the night in the direction of Kwangmen, or the Gate of Extensive Peace, southern-most of four openings in the Western Walls of Peiping.

The clash occurred less than two miles from the gate and the sound of firing rumbled through the city, giving many residents a disturbed and anxious night.

Earlier in the day clashes occurred in the Western suburbs near the old race course and the nearby Paomachang area, where many foreign owned homes are situated.
In Peiping, General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters reported the threat of execution of any officials trying to desert their posts and issued warrants of those who had already fled.

Wang Chi Kuo, Director of Education in Peiping who is believed to have gone to Shanghai, is among those wanted men.

50TH EXECUTION

The 50th execution in Peiping since Friday for violations of martial law took place yesterday morning at the Bridge of Heaven.

The victim was Chang Hsien-ko, alleged Red agent who was charged with having set fire to 20 tons of fodder belonging to the cavalry.

The official English language Peiping Chronicle gave front page prominence today to the speech by the Wang Kuo Tiao Tenth (International Moral Society) addressed to all thinking people in the world for help in preventing the destruction of Peiping.

"We want you to support us in our struggle for reason so that Peiping may be spared the fate of so many historical places in Europe where war destroyed what centuries of thought, love and labour had built up."

Meanwhile, Chinese Air Force planes yesterday made successful test flights from the new polo ground airfield off the legation quarter.

The field was built in great haste to give Peiping an air link with the outside world.
The first landing there occurred on Saturday, but improvements had to be made before outboard flights could be carried out without grave risk.

Meanwhile, work went on round the clock on the airfield being built in the grounds of the Temple and Altar of Heaven. Aviation circles foresee the possibility of commercial airlines running planes to Peiping when it is completed.—Associated Press.

TIENTSIN SITUATION

Peiping, Dec. 22.—Red General Lin Piao appeared today to be stilling the greater part of his North China strength against Tientsin where the situation was admitted to be growing serious with Red columns drawing a ring around the city on all four directions.

TRIBUNAL TESTIMONY SUMMED UP

London, Dec. 21.—The London Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles ended tonight after hearing over one million words of evidence, during which Ministers and other public figures faced searching questions about their public and private lives.

The Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, concluded with a seven-hour summary over two days, summarising the proceedings, which took 20 days to hear.

Then the Judge announced that the Tribunal would consider the evidence and report to the Home Secretary, Mr Chuter Ede. The report is expected some time next month.

The Attorney-General ended his closing speech by saying that if there were black sheep in public life, he was convinced that they should not be whitewashed. This was the best service that could be rendered to politics generally, to the Government, and to the Labour Party.

CHOICE OF FRIENDS

Mr John Belcher, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who resigned after giving evidence to the Tribunal, had been unfortunate in his choice of friends, Sir Hartley said. That was different, and very far from corruption.
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EDITORIAL

New Traffic Regulations

THE new traffic regulations are, for the most part, sensible and practical. The introduction of silent zones will meet with the full approval of those who find it necessary to live in the centre of the city where the cacophony of motor car horns and the clanging of tram bells have for too long constituted a feature of the cacophony of disturbing noises, day and night, in those areas. Another welcome regulation is extension of the 20 mile speed limit to the island's principal urban districts, and it can be anticipated if this is strictly enforced there will be fewer street accidents in the future. This is one provision which helps to protect the pedestrian; another is the proposition to erect and paint signs, signals and direction posts where they are considered necessary in the interests of public safety. But there is one section of the new regulations which calls for elucidation. Regulation 174A (2) provides that where a lane has been marked on the carriageway whether by two painted white lines or by metal studs, adjacent to a "Stop here" sign, the lane shall be a pedestrian crossing and shall be so designated by a signpost; and sub-section 3 proceeds to lay down that any pedestrian actually using a pedestrian crossing shall have the right of way against any vehicle or tram; and a driver failing to observe the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence. This is clear enough and is a standard protection for a pedestrian in any country where there is modern traffic control. But the regulation that "if a signal or direction is made by a vehicle or tram, under regulation 42 which permits such a vehicle or tram to proceed, the compliance

with such a signal shall not constitute an offence under this regulation. This reverts to the old complaint concerning traffic control at the pedestrian's path across Chater Road from Alexander Building to Union Building. Here the pedestrian's right of way is continually being challenged by vehicular traffic which comes from three directions. Under the regulation as now framed the pedestrian has, for the most part, to surrender his right of way inasmuch that signals permit traffic to use his pathway. And this particular crossing is made more difficult for pedestrians in that some of the traffic lights are not easily seen from either end of the lane. The result is that pedestrians continually find themselves trapped by cars that suddenly swing round from Pedder Street, north and south. The only real safeguard at such an intersection is the employment of pedestrian lights operating in conjunction with the traffic control signals. These would not only guarantee the pedestrian's right of way at regular intervals, but would also protect our drivers who suddenly find themselves on top of a crowd of people struggling to cross the road, and who either have to stop (although the signals are in their favour) or insist upon driving through. This special control problem at the Chater Road crossing has been partly solved by the presence of police constables directing both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, but it is an unnecessary waste of manpower, for the same functions could just as effectively be carried out by the adoption of pedestrian control lights. The Chater Road crossing remains the only real weakness of the system which controls traffic in the city, and the problem is not helped in any way by sub-section 3 of regulation 174A.

"Fighting will, in any event, be of a very protracted nature. It will not only be restricted to Republican territory but will go on in Dutch-held territory, too," he added.
He told the conference that the delegation would ask the Security Council to approve these three points.

1.—A cease fire order in Indonesia.
2.—An order for the withdrawal of troops to the positions held under the past year's Dutch-Indonesian truce.
3.—The release of the Indonesian Republican leaders held by the Dutch.

Mr Soedjatmoko said the Indonesian Republic would not ask for sanctions against the Dutch unless these points were ordered by the Security Council and afterwards disobeyed.

MAY ASK FOR HELP

He told questioners that it was "possible" that Indonesian military leaders had appealed to the Arab League for help. He said four nations represented on the Security Council had recognised the Provisional Government of the Indonesian Republic—the United States, Britain, Russia and Syria.

It was not sure whether the Ukraine had done so. The six remaining members who had not recognised the Republic were China, France, Belgium, Argentina, Colombia and Canada.

A semi-official source said in Batavia today that all members of the Good Offices Committee stationed at Kallurang, a Java town occupied by Dutch forces, are safe in Jogjakarta.

An Australian and a Belgian member of the Committee were at Kallurang when the fighting began. Indonesian Republican sources in Paris claimed today the recapture of Jogjakarta by Indonesian forces. The spokesman quoted the Republican Radio for the report and said that rebellion had broken out against the Dutch in both East and West Java.

RESISTANCE CENTRES

The main resistance centres of the Indonesian Republic were in the west, and Bondowoso, and the port area of Probolinggo, in the east.
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By ALICE ALDEN

THE majority of the leading American singers are not only splendid artists, but they are beautiful as well. And as if the gods had not been generous enough, they are endowed with a fine sense of fashion, adapting current modes to their highly individual types, and creating new fashion trends. Mona Paulce, famous mezzo soprano opera and concert star, has started the vogue for printed silk jersey for evening. This Valerian Rybar model is of printed silk jersey made with a matching stole. Its clinging quality is offset by draped fullness and the fabric is cleverly handled. This would be just nice for your Christmas ball.

CHAMPAGNE NET AND GOLD



HARMONIOUSLY handled detail is a major factor in this season's fashions, whether it is used on a simple sports dress or an after five frock. A transparent yoke of champagne coloured net sets off a wide band of gold encrusted braiding and embroidery on this impressive Maurice Rentner dinner dress. A taut, fitted bodice flows into a rippling, pleated skirt, its fullness controlled by a wide, hip-swathing sash.

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WOMANSENSE

"Mother, Is Santa Claus Real?"

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

SANTA Claus fits into the imaginary world of the child under five or six. It does so fit if the child's imagination has been appreciated by his parents. If he has heard lots and lots of stories of fantasy and if the yarns he has made up himself are enjoyed by his parents. Besides, all the usual experiences surrounding the Santa Claus myth afford young children no end of creative fun.

Of course, younger children play with other children who may delight in disillusioning the younger. As a result, some children, even before five or six, may begin to "doubt" about Santa Claus and to ask all sorts of questions about him. The mother of two children, four and two, once asked me:

"Do you have an explanation of Santa Claus when a child begins to have doubts? I want always to be completely honest with my children and yet it's hard to know just how far to go sometimes and still not shatter any illusions."

I think that even her older child has doubts about Santa Claus unduly early. Though he should ask if Santa Claus is a real person, a mother is not but folk of him as one talks of fairies and brownies. Then if one goes on pretending there is a Santa Claus the child will almost surely continue to enjoy him for a few more years.

Child's Doubts

The moral harm that might come from Santa Claus could occur when parents try to force Santa Claus upon children six, seven or older in the face of these youngsters' doubts. Even when such is done, there comes a time when the parents should say to the child, "We have just been pretending there is a Santa Claus." If the matter is allowed to go on without any such "confession" to the child by his parents, he may feel his parents have not been quite fair with him. They may, indeed, think so anyway, in case they had pressed the matter when the child was unduly old.

When our own children were little we participated with them in the Santa Claus myth. When the eldest was nearly six he asked the pointed question: "Is Santa Claus a real person?" We vainly replied that he is not but that we were just pretending he is. Then we kept on pretending for a few more years. When each older child in turn was asked if the baby sister or brother should be "told," he answered with much feeling: "Oh, no!" Always the older enjoyed taking part with the younger in the Santa Claus myth until the youngest was around six.

Enjoyed Santa Claus

Each of our three children is now a parent of young children ranging

Bug Barometer Says Hard Winter Ahead

Bangs Corners, O.—The operator of a "bug barometer," predicts that the coming winter will be a tough one.

Miss Eunice Merion, who outdoes the weather bureau for confident long-range forecasts, says nature already has put up the storm signals.

"The woolly caterpillars are dark from stem to stern," she says. Hornets have triple-insulated their gray paper nests. Moths weave spider webs twice as many live spiders in the mud incubator tubes to feed their babies when they hatch."

For Miss Merion, those and other portents spell out a cold, dark and long winter. She's been seeing slate-gray caterpillars for the first time since 1917, and the winter "things froze" in November and there never was a thaw till February.

If you have invited holiday house guests, don't wait until the last moment to get at that guest room whether it be a room specially dedicated to the purpose, or the extra room that has to be transformed into a sleeping chamber. See to it that bed equipment is in order, that pillows are not lumpy, that there is an adequate supply of blankets. Have extra towels at hand. See to it that there are fresh bulbs in the lamps, and that bureau and night table drawers are freshly polished. For that touch that spells "welcome," have crisp clean curtains at the window and freshly laundered scarves on dressing table or bureau, or, if it is that kind of a table, see to it that its skirts are perky and not bedraggled.

Current Magazines
Clean, cut old magazines, and place some current issues in their place. If there is a writing table, have all items in order, including a few extra holiday greeting cards and envelopes, a most thoughtful touch, if your guest has overlooked ready for the journey.

In ages from 9 years to 6 months, in groups of 4, 3, 2. All these children have enjoyed Santa Claus, the eldest in each group being treated about as their parents were treated, when doubts began to arise.

A good way to help in gradual disillusionment is for parents, even with the child three or four, to have a few gifts under the Christmas tree not marked from Santa Claus but from some real, familiar person. Some persons suppose we can force Santa Claus on the older child by thinking of the spirit of Santa Claus. But when the youngster begins to doubt he hardly is ready to think so abstractly. He wants to know about the eyes, nose, whiskers, voice, flesh and blood of Santa Claus. After this is settled he may be ready to consider the spirit of Santa Claus.

Cinderella And The Pumpkin Pie

By ALICE DENHOFF

PAUSE not at pie when you put pumpkins to pleasing palates. After all, Cinderella rode to rapture via the pumpkin route, and, who knows, your hungry hordes may reach the same destination when they emulate Peter and turn pumpkin-eaters!

Here are some delicious pumpkin dishes. First, if you want to prepare your own pumpkin, scrub it cut it in quarters, scoop out seeds and stringy portions. Pare pumpkin; cut in pieces. Cover with boiling, salted water; cover. Boil 20 to 30 min. Drain; mash well or press through ricer.

For something delicious and different, serve up a batch of pumpkin muffins. To prepare 12 large muffins, sift together one c. flour, 1/2 tsp. phosphate-type baking powder, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg; add one c. yellow corn meal. Beat 2 eggs; add one c. milk. Add egg mixture to dry ingredients, then stir in 1/2 c. cooked or tinned pumpkin, 1/2 c. molasses and 1/2 c. melted shortening. Fill greased muffin pans 2/3 full. Bake in hot oven (400 F.) 25 min.

Pumpkin Custard

Non-dieters will glow with joy when confronted with a rich pumpkin custard, so don't serve them when the reducers are around! To serve 6 combine 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. ginger, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 c. strained, cooked or tinned pumpkin and 1/2 c. corn syrup. Mix well. Beat 2 eggs slightly; add with one c. milk. Pour mixture into greased custard cups; place in pan of warm water. Bake at 325 F. for an hour or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean. Serve hot, with cream if desired. Serves 6.

A Brazil nut crust with a pumpkin-chiffon filling is real Christmas fare.

Making Filling

To prepare filling, separate 3 eggs, beat yolks; add 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 c. tinned or cooked pumpkin, 1/3 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. each, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until hot. Soften 1/2 c. unflavored gelatin in 1/2 c. cold water, add to hot mixture. Stir until gelatin is dissolved; chill until slightly thickened. Beat 3 egg whites; add 1/2 c. sugar, beating constantly; fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour into crust; chill until firm.

To prepare crust combine 1/4 c. finely chopped Brazil nuts, 1/4 c. finely crushed corn flakes and 1/4 c. sugar. Blend in 1/3 c. melted table fat. Press mixture, firmly against bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate; chill.

FIXING UP THE GUEST ROOM

By ELEANOR ROSS

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squares of absorbent cotton, and a small sewing box fitted with needles, etc. Some orange sticks and emery boards should be available, too. All these are such small items, so inexpensive, but they tell the story of a perfect hostess.

When shopping for these items, how about buying some extra toothbrushes, small bottles of aftershave and skin freshener, some hair pins, bobby pins and the like—one and all, good guest room items. Double all, and single razor blades come in the same category, as do pins and safety pins, assorted, and tins.

Hand Mirror

Have a good hand mirror on the bureau, for travel is it that this indispensable article is packed, and the mirrors in fitted dressing bags are usually just excess baggage.

Don't forget a bit of holiday greenery, a vase of flowers, some holly tucked on picture or mirror and wall, but don't overdo it. We remember a beautiful guest room where once we stayed, and greenery just where we had to move to turn a lamp switch. We don't have to tell you what happened.

Cold Weather Complexion Aid



A good beauty trick is to follow your nightly face washing with an application of a good freshener lotion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IS that golden glow of summer disappearing from your complexion? Let us hope that it is making a slow departure, that it is not going patchy. If it does, it is possible that one's face may be slightly pitted, and that is no laughing matter. You can help along this period of transition if you have a few moments to spare for a before-bedtime freshening treatment.

The skin is in a constant state of decay and renewal; dead scales fluff away, new ones are revealed. By stimulating this natural process you can be rid of your tan, if that is your desire. After the nightly face washing with a bland soap and thorough rinsing, dip a washcloth in warm water, hold close to the flesh. Repeat half a dozen times. Rinse form a pack the consistency of with cold water to bring a reaction of the blood streams, dry gently, apply a little cream. Follow by applying a good freshener lotion.

In the morning use cold water and, after a gentle drying, apply a lotion.

Take three tablespoons of kaolin, mix with enough witch hazel to form a pack the consistency of whipped cream. Apply to a clean skin surface. Pick up your mystery story and read until the mask begins to flake. Remove with warm water, use a little cream with light after a gentle drying, apply a lotion.

A face pack, used once a week, will not only whiten the skin, but will have a cleansing effect if the pores are dust laden.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Gifts For A Friend's Kitchen

"A Madame, shopping again!" exclaimed the Chef, as I stumbled into the kitchen juggling my bundles. "Let me help you."

In a moment the parcels were neatly arranged on the table, my coat was hung up on the back of the door, and the Chef was brewing a cup of tea.

"Quite an array of parcels," he remarked. "Yes, I started early so I could complete my shopping list. It was quite a day, but worth it. These presents are different."

For The Kitchen

"No, but I'm sure they will be very welcome in the homes of my friends. They're presents for the kitchen. For several older home-makers I've chosen sets of gay canisters—you know how they keep on using their old battered ones because it seems extravagant to throw them away. This sunny yellow set is for my old aunt Susan to stand on her kitchen buffet, and I bought a yellow and white checked plastic cloth for her kitchen table. This apple-red set is for a friend in the country, who has decorated her kitchen with touches of red. Then for a friend who's recently gone to housekeeping again I bought this light-weight aluminum food chopper. She'll certainly like that!"

"I think a set of knives in a rack to hang up would be very nice also," suggested the Chef. "That's just what I bought for a young couple who have a kitchenette. And I had a lot of small gadgets for little Christmas remembrances—cooking tongs, kitchen scissors, nylon pastry brushes, pastry cloth sets, and some paper towel racks with rolls of paper towels."

"And the oven mittens? Did you get some of those?" "Yes, Chef, a set for kitchen use, and these asbestos mitts for my neighbours who like to cook in their apron."

"And what is in this tall parcel?" asked the Chef. "That is for you for Christmas. 'Merci, Madame!' Then with a shy grin: 'Shall we have a preview? If you like. It's your present.'"

High Bonnet
"Looks like it might hold a Chef's high bonnet," he said. Eagerly he opened the cord and unwrapped the box. He took off the cover, brought out the gift and admired it at arm's length for a moment. "Oh, Madame, a tall black silk hat! The dream of my life! I shall now be in the proper style to attend the opera, and the Grand Ball of the Chefs."

He matched off his high bonnet and jauntily adjusted the shining black topper. "It looks wonderful, Chef. Go look at yourself in the mirror." He disappeared—and not a stroke of work was done in the kitchen the rest of the day.

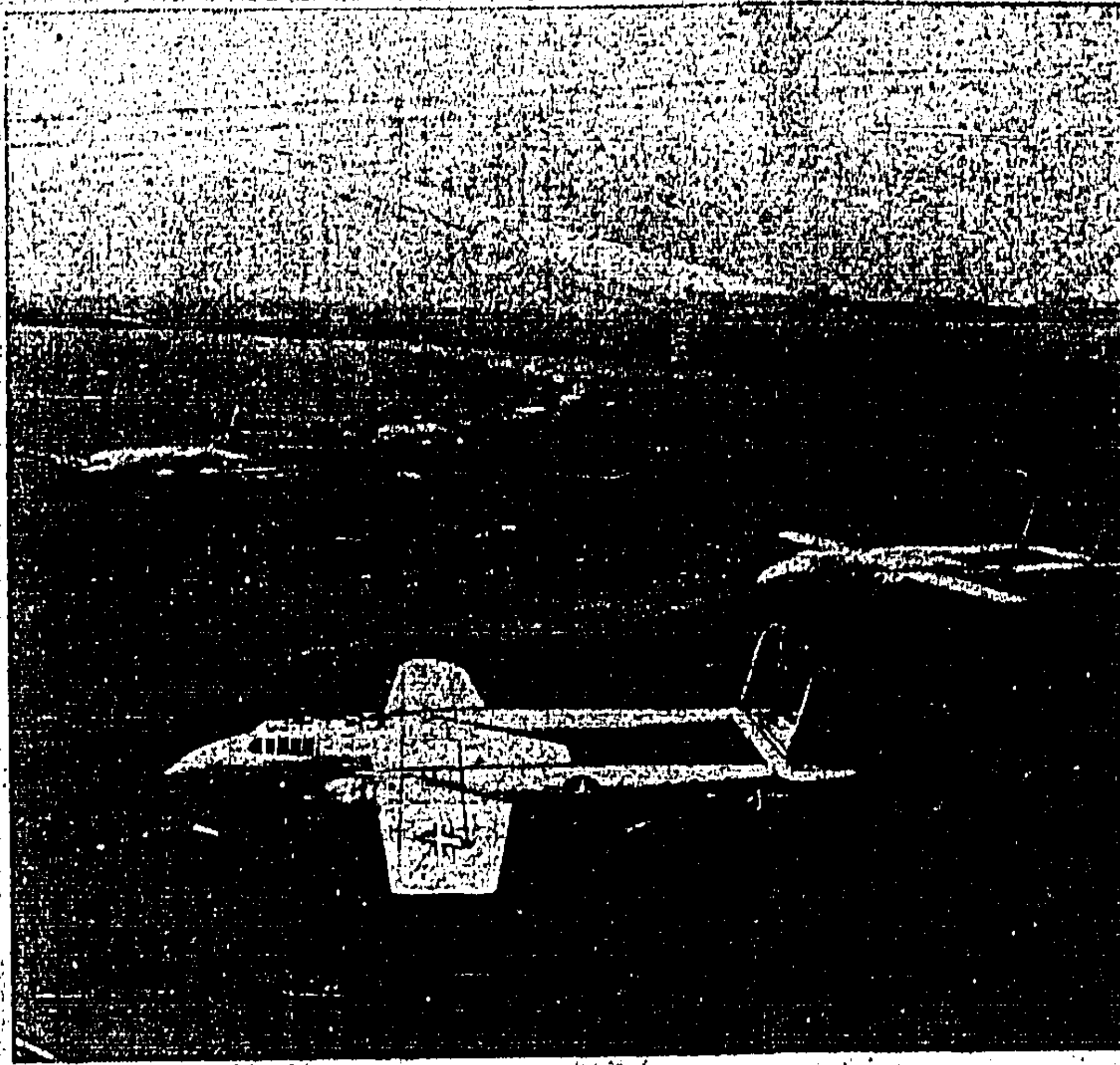
Dinner

Pot-au-Feu a la Chef
Tossed Green Salad, Crusty Rolls

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CONVERTIBLE—Pat Hall demonstrates a bathing suit of her own design at Palm Springs, California. Formal on the left, a pull of the string and it becomes a French model suit.



LOW CEILING—Aircraft line up on the runway at Tempelhof Airfield in Berlin. Grounded by fog and rain for 17 hours, the ceiling lifted the following morning so that the airlift planes could resume their all-important work.



FIRST ISRAEL CENSUS—A bearded, orthodox Jew, wounded in the Negev fighting, signs a paper in Tel-Aviv giving his age and other details for the first Israel census.



SAYS ARK FOUND—Shukru Asena, East Turkey farmer, points to a map where he said peasants found petrified remains of a ship on Mount Ararat, Biblical landing place of Noah's Ark. He said thaws had washed away ice and snow masking the vessel.



HOME-MADE TELEVISION—Ike Rosenhour, a one-armed amateur inventor, bought himself some diagrams and television parts. Within two weeks the Dallas handyman had completed what probably is the first home-made television set. He's now attempting to convert a cheap radar set into another television unit.



FRENCH DOLLS ARE TOPS—Girls have been working overtime in French doll factories like this one in Paris prior to the Christmas season. Despite the economically critical plight of the country, the French feel their dolls are tops, with a certain chicness so characteristic of Paris. Most doll factories are small, employing about 50 or 60 women. Manufacturers are concentrating on medium and low-priced articles but even these are 10 to 15 times prewar prices.



AT DOG SHOW—This fine English springer spaniel won several prizes at a Chicago dog show. The grooming is being done by the owner, six-year-old Bill Sturn.

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AIRLIFT CELEBRATION—Little Klaus Weber presents Capt. Dave Riddle (centre) with a bouquet of flowers at Gatow Airfield in Berlin. Members of his crew, Lt George Hancock (left) and Sgt. Robert Toon look on at a celebration commemorating the 150th day of the airlift at that field.

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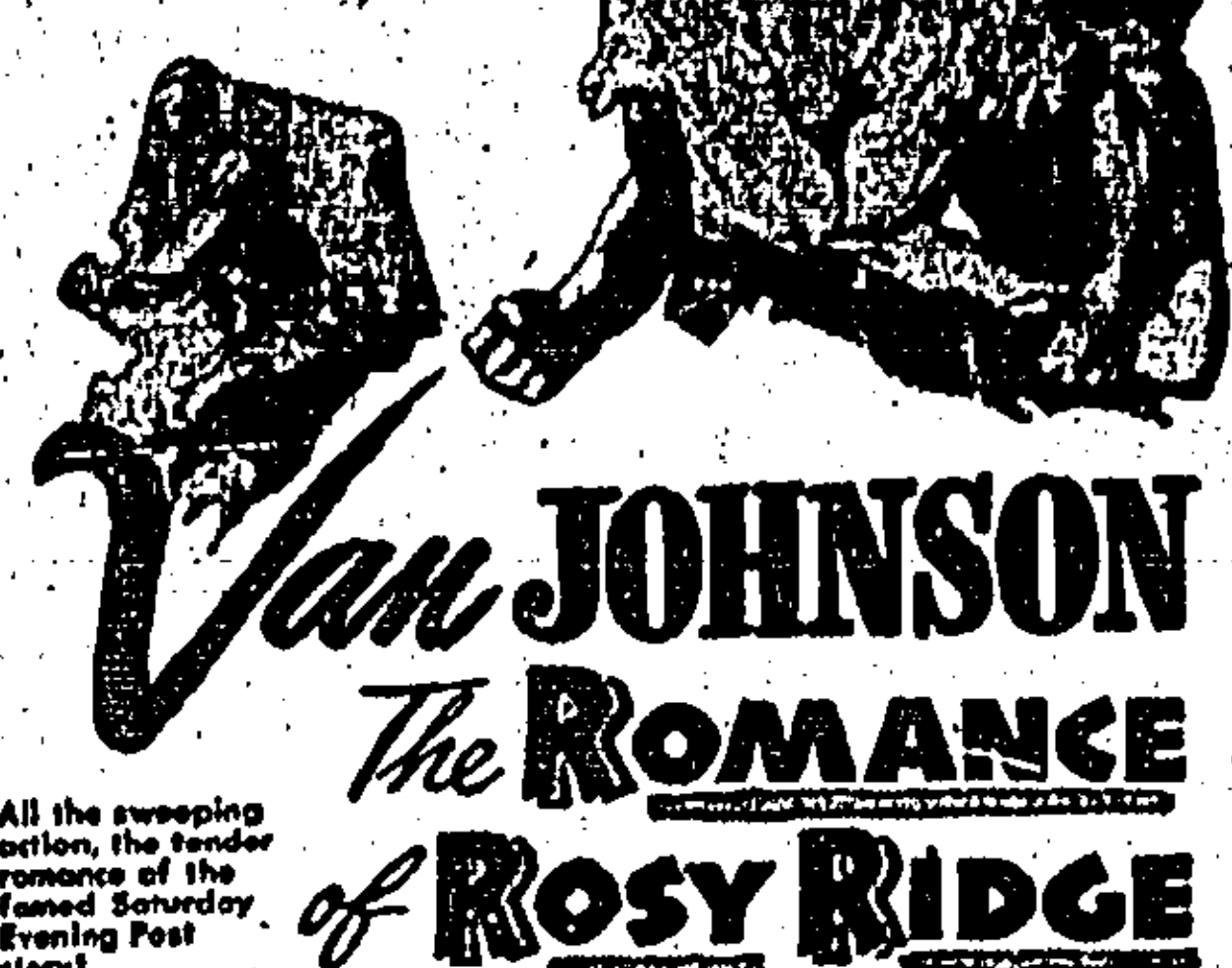
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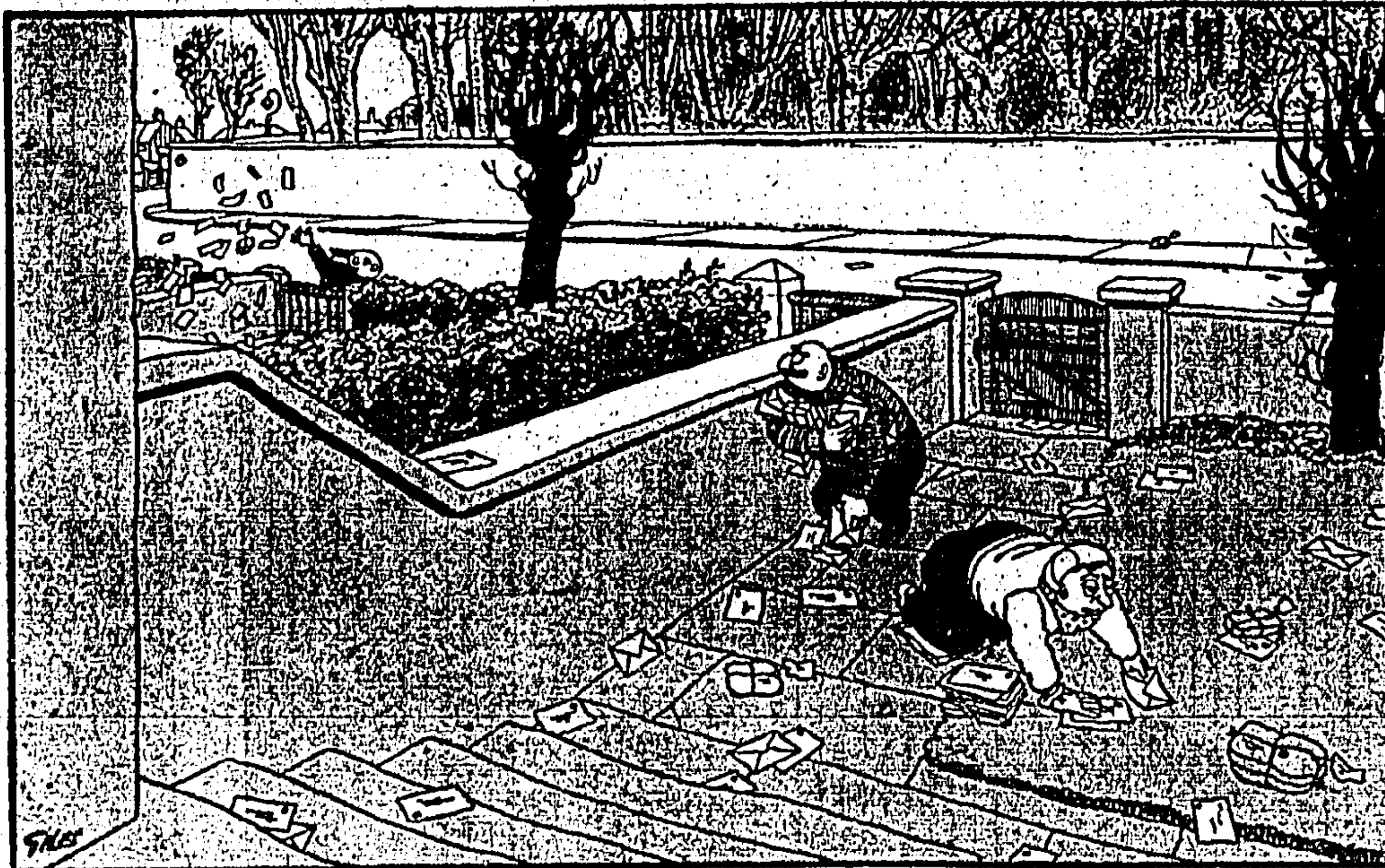
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"Why couldn't they wait till after Christmas before they told them about this no Christmas box business?"

Sitting on the
Fence.... by
NATHANIEL GUBBINS"WELL," said the Sweep,
"only three more
drinking days to
Christmas.""That's right," I said.
"And not much to do it on,
neither.""No," said the Sweep, "a little
austerity won't do you no harm.""Nor you," I said.
"Because we haven't got much to
celebrate.""We certainly haven't."
"Unless you want to drink the
health of little old Molotov.""Not me," I said.
"If you was a proper Christian
you'd wish him a happy Christmas,"
said the Sweep, "though I expect
he'll owe one without your help.""I dare say he will."
"Then there little old Russian
commissioners don't go short of
nothing.""Not likely."
"And now they done that three
rouble trick on the people's savings,"
said the Sweep, "cor strike a light,
I reckon the ends of the Russian
Government will owe their best
Christmas since the revolution.""They certainly will."
"A couple of bob for every
pound," said the Sweep, "cor tione
the crows, little old Joe Stalin will
ave a bit of party on that.""Not arf he won't."
"I used to think them there
blokes in the City was pretty of
on the bees and oney, but when
it comes to a proper old fiddle with
the doh-ray-me them there little
old Communists take the Unites and
Palmer.""They certainly do."
"In fact," said the Sweep, "if they
was capitalists they'd be multi-
millionaires—if they ain't already.""That's right."
"All the same," said the Sweep,
"you don't want to get jealous about
it.""I ain't," I said.
"I don't suppose you'll ave such
a bad Christmas.""I don't suppose I shall."
"If you ave any luck you might
git a bit of rabbit.""I might."
"Though you'll ave to be careful
about eatin the wife's bacon ration,
I see you can git divorced for that.""Go on?" I said.
"Cor stuff me with little apples,"
said the Sweep, "what a country.
You eat all the-bacon in the uups
and git rid of the old woman at the
same time. And very nice too.""Very nice."
"Why?" asked his wife."Well," said the Sweep, "there's all
you wish yourself.""Thank you."
"And the skin of your nose.""The skin of your nose."
"The same as I did last time.""There may not be so much to
drink.""That," said the Sparrow, "has
the earmarks of a dirty crack.
I suppose you have forgotten I was
fire-watcher at the Tree Tops Club?""A fat lot of fire watching you
did," said his wife."I was on the reserve," said the
Sparrow."And a fat lot
of watching you'll
do next time.""I shan't get much
of a chance next
time," said the
Sparrow, pre-
paring to leave.
"One look at an
atom bomb fire
and you've had
it.""Where are you
going now?"
"For an even-
ing's training at
my post," said the
Sparrow, flying
out of the Nest.

"Happy Christmas"

CHRISTMAS is a little early this
year. Already dustmen have
gone on strike because some of
them were fired for Christmas-box
candling, shaming trade unionists
everywhere and bringing blunders
to the cheeks of idealists who had
such passionate sympathy for the
underdog.Little spivs who were asking you
to remember the guy three weeks
before November 5 began singing
carols out of tune about December 1,
no doubt with the idea of giving
themselves enough time to work
their districts thoroughly from end
to end.Otherwise insolent people began
to call you sir and madam long
before their normal time, which is
ten or 12 days before Christmas.And Mr Bloodsucker, the incom-
petent collector, has posted his dirty
letters, which usually arrive on
Christmas Eve with the Christmas
cards like a bomb in a box of
chocolates, a fortnight ahead of
schedule. Mr B. has taken the Post
Early slogan very much to heart.A strange group of crooks you
have never seen before and never
noticed till the spirit of good will
hits them, have also made their
appearance before their time.

Happy Christmas

Turning its attention to
the Far East, Moscow is
SOFT-PEDALLING
IN THE WEST

By LEON DENNEN

CLOSE observers of Soviet foreign policy look
C. for another radical shift in the Russian line
soon, aimed at easing tension in Europe to permit
the Kremlin to devote its full energies to the
revolt-ridden Far East.The Bucharest headquarters of the Cominform,
according to a reliable report, instructed the French
Politburo to soft-pedal a scheduled railroad strike.
These instructions, also "urged" the Communist-
controlled General Confederation of Labour to "liquidate
as quickly as possible" the French miners' strike.This order was signed by Matthias Rakosi,
Hungarian vice-premier and the late Zhdanov's
successor as chief of the Cominform, and a Russian
named Yudin, said to be the Cominform secretary and
Stalin's personal representative.Troubles in Europe, on both sides of the iron curtain,
and the ripe field for Communist expansion in Asia,
seem to be the principal factors which are dictating a
more conciliatory Russian attitude towards the Western
powers.The first indication of a policy shift came when
Tass, the Soviet news agency, picked up a Washington
rumour that President Truman would meet with Premier
Stalin. The second move was made in Paris on
November 23 when the Cominform's "peace with
honour" sponsored by the French
Communist Party.Another symptom of change is
the alleged "disgrace" of Andrei
Vyshinsky, the vociferous and
belligerent spokesman for the So-
viets at the UN meetings in Paris.
Well-informed circles say that
this exponent of the do-hari
school of Russian politics will be
removed from the first-string diplo-
matic line-up.

TO BE REPLACED

He is scheduled to be replaced
by Andrei Gromyko, who recently
has been singled out for special
honours by the Kremlin, with For-
eign Minister Molotov again
becoming the chief negotiator for
the West. Gromyko is not expected
to display a noticeably softer attitude.
But the exiles of Vyshinsky, whose
unsavoury reputation dates back to
the Moscow purge trials and who
has become obnoxious to many UN
delegates, might in itself be inter-
preted as a peace gesture.While Vyshinsky is not a mem-
ber of the powerful Soviet Polit-
buro, his eclipse would suggest that
the "moderate" wing of that body
is in the ascendancy. These so-called
moderates believe that a Soviet
peace gesture now, in the face of
Communist victories in China,
would thwart full-scale American
military aid to Chiang Kai-shek.The failure of the French mine
strike, plus the de Gaulle party's
gains at the expense of the Com-
munists in the recent elections,
undoubtedly strengthen the posi-
tion of the Maurice Thorez-Jacques
Duclos "moderate" group in the
French Politburo. This is the group
that opposed the strike.It has always been Thorez's con-
tention that the French Commu-
nists could fight the Marshall Plan
more effectively from within the
Cabinet. Now, because of the
Gaullist threat to the moderate po-
litical parties, particularly the M.R.
P.—and Radical Socialists—would
welcome the Communists' presence
in a reshuffled Cabinet. The elder
statesman Edouard Herriot is said to
be the prime sponsor of secret
negotiations towards this end, which
have been taking place in Paris for
some weeks.

TITOIST HERESY

In the satellite countries and
eastern Germany the Kremlin is still
plagued by the "Titoist" heresy.
In spite of wholesale purges, recent
developments in Yugoslavia lend
strength to reports that Tito is
planning to assemble a rival "Com-
munist International" in Belgrade.
It would be made up of anti-
Cominform Communist exiles from
Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary,
Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.
Tito recently boasted that Yugoslavia
had become a haven for "real
Communists" who refuse to follow
the Cominform line.The situation in Poland, also is
troubling Moscow. Ever since
Wladyslaw Gomulka was fired from
his post of general secretary of the
Polish Communist Party for
"Titoism," the Russians have been
purging high officers of the Polish
army. The Hungarian Colonel
Revesz, an old M. V. D. hand and
reputed chief of the "European
Communist Partisan Detachments,"
has been assigned to this task.All these things are portents of
a shift in the party-line. There is
no doubt, for all the blood-curdling
anti-capitalist speeches, by Marshal
Timoshenko, Molotov and the aged
dictator himself, that Moscow is
going to adopt a milder tone towards
the West, especially on the hot
Berlin issue.

Gone away

ANGRY workers dashed from
their benches, shouting "Spivs"
and "Drones," when a fox-hunt ended
in the grounds of the Rocket
Propulsion Department. Westcott
yesterday. —Daily Worker.D'ye ken John Peel in his market
grey?D'ye ken John Peel at the break
of day?With his lorry load of pork he is
far, far away,With the spivs and the drones in
the morning,The toot of his horn woke me
from my bed,Where I dreamt of the pigs that
I'd oft-times bred,But J.P. was gone and my pigs
all dead,To be sold by the spivs in the
morning.

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Indonesians To Fight On Says Envoy

New York, Dec. 21.—Dr D. Soemito, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Indonesian Republic, told a New York press conference today that he had "firmly based" hopes that Marshall aid allotments to Holland "would be subject to close scrutiny to say the least."

He added that he had "reason to believe that some other Governments are also urging the United States to cut off aid."

He said the Republican Government would continue to operate from Sumatra and would stay in Indonesia as long as it held some territory.

Dr Soemito added: "I wish to state that now the Dutch have in such a treacherous way abrogated the agreement signed under the auspices of the United Nations, we on our part will carry on as an independent and sovereign State."

W. Europe First Line Of Defence

JOINT MILITARY POTENTIAL

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Western Europe will be the first line of defence of the five signatories of the Brussels Pact—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, the Belgian Defence Minister, Colonel Raoul de Fraiteur, said tonight.

He told the Defence Committee of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies that this decision had been taken by the Permanent Military Committee set up under the Western Union Defence Committee.

The Committee, having decided that Western Europe would be a suitable area for a first line battle, had drawn up a plan for building up a joint military potential, including manpower and economic resources, Colonel de Fraiteur said.

ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE
The Committee's decisions had been approved by the Defence Ministers of the five powers, the Minister added. They included the creation of a five-power Armaments Committee.

The Permanent Committee had also begun drawing up an inventory of war material held by the five powers.

The Minister said that Belgium was to have a "campaigning" force and a "home defence" force. The campaigning force would be in the event of war be placed under the Supreme Command. The home defence force would remain under Belgian orders.

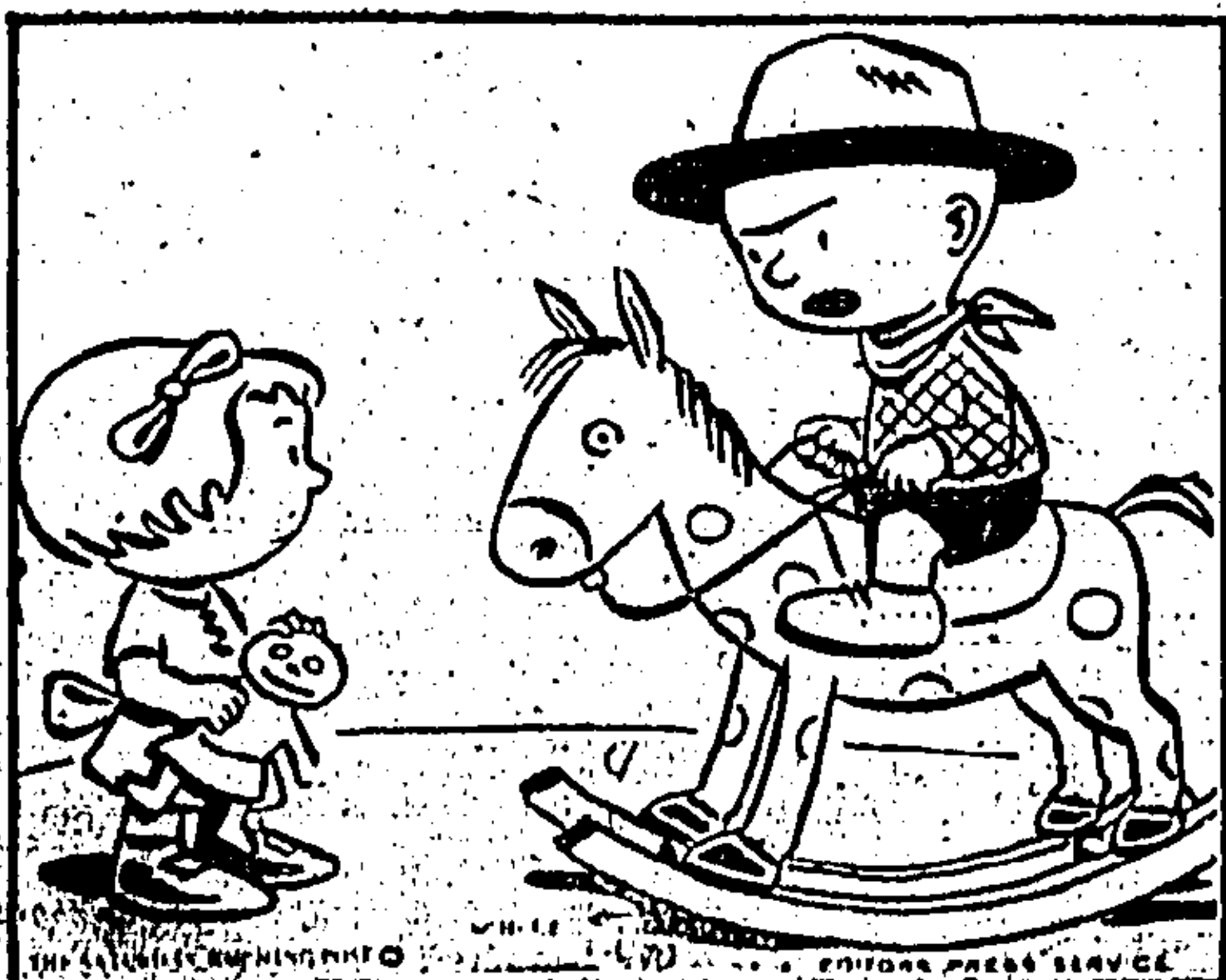
Belgium's contribution to military re-equipment would be the production of jet-propelled aircraft fuselages for which materials would come from Holland.

The five powers had agreed to establish a military base in the Belgian Congo. This would consist of an air training centre, an instructional centre for African aircraft mechanics and bases for units of the Belgian Army and Air Force engaged in exercises.—Reuter.

Protection For Civilian Houses

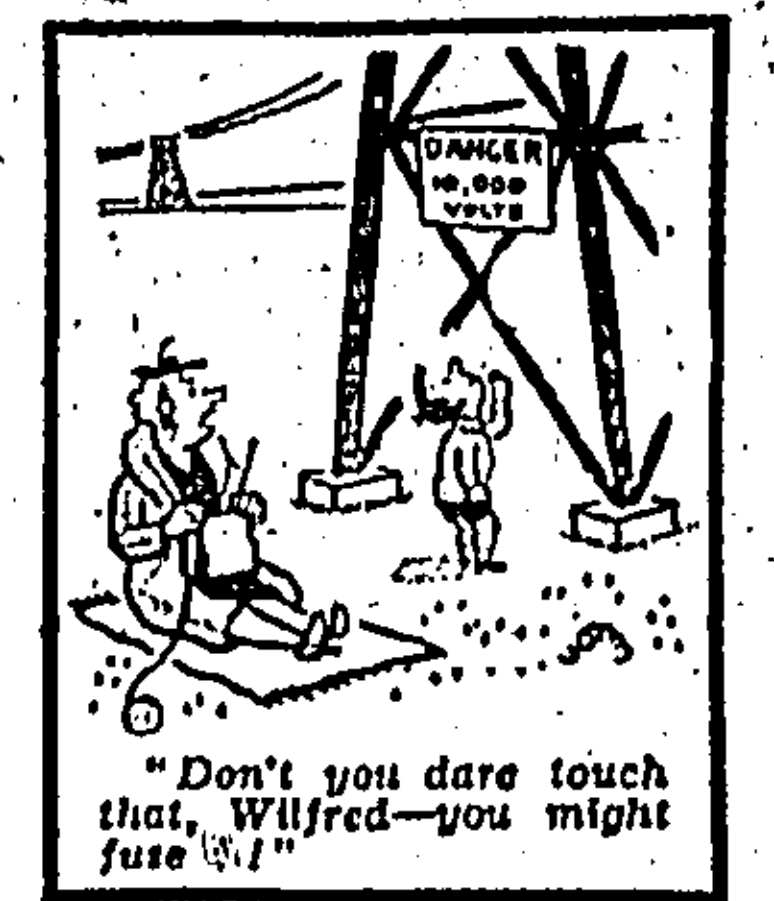
Shanghai, Dec. 22.—General Tang En-po has issued an order prohibiting the occupation of civilian residences by Chinese Army personnel without permission from the high authorities, according to Chinese press reports.

The order of the Garrison Commander-in-Chief for the Shanghai and Nanking area followed the action of unruly soldiers in robbing the homes of foreigners and Chinese in the walled district on Sunday night. General Tang said severe punishment, including death, will be meted out to those who infringe the order.—Reuter.



"Good grief, woman, get out of the way! Do you want to be trampled to death?"

POCKET CARTOON



DIMITROV ATTACKS TITO

Urges Communists To Co-ordinate

Sofia, Dec. 21.—The Bulgarian Premier, M. Georgi Dimitrov, has called for closer co-ordination of the work of the Communist parties in all countries under Soviet leadership.

He told the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress here: "Our party sees in international collaboration with the great Stalin at its head the guarantee for the independent existence of our country and its advance towards Socialism."

M. Dimitrov said the weakness of the capitalist world and the assistance of the Soviet Union had made it possible for Bulgaria to achieve Socialism by popular democratic methods instead of working class dictatorship.

"The whole future of our people depends on the power of the Soviet Union and on the determination of our people if attacked by the capitalist powers to accomplish worthily their duty in the common struggle," he said.

TITO'S "TREASON"

Speaking of Yugoslavia, whose Premier, Marshal Josip Tito, is at loggerheads with the Cominform, M. Dimitrov attacked the "bourgeois Chauvinist-Tito group," claiming it had sabotaged preparations for a South Slav Federation which would have brought Bulgarians and Yugoslavs together in a unity which had been a common ideal for centuries.

Bulgaria had been prepared to enter such a Federation since last September, he said.

In spite of the "treason" of the Tito leadership, he said: "We do not doubt the fidelity of the Yugoslav Communist Party to internationalism and to Marxism-Leninism."

He denounced alleged anti-Bulgarian propaganda in Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia. Bulgaria was convinced Macedonia would achieve national unity and become a free nation within a South Slav Union.

Bulgaria had no hostile intentions towards her neighbours but wanted to live in friendship and co-operation with all nations.

M. Dimitrov said the Communist Party in Bulgaria had grown from 25,000 members in September, 1944 to nearly half a million.—Associated Press.

Lady Banting On Way To H.K.

Manila, Dec. 22.—Lady Banting, widow of the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, arrived in Manila on the British ship Rhexenor, en route to Hongkong where she will join the staff of the Hongkong University medical school.

The Rhexenor is scheduled to proceed to Hongkong on Monday. Lady Banting will teach obstetrics in Hongkong, where she expects to stay indefinitely. Her husband died in a plane accident over the Atlantic during the war, while serving with the Canadian armed forces.—United Press.

COSTLY STRIKE

Rome, Dec. 21.—The 24-hour strike of Italy's rail servants and communications staff of 8,000,000 strong yesterday cost the State Railway Company 1,000 million lire, it was learned today.—Reuter.

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Britain's Universities Overcrowded, Understaffed

London, Dec. 21.—British Universities are overcrowded and understaffed, their overworked teachers get too little pay.

These are the findings of a Committee appointed to report on university development from 1935 to 1947 as part of a government study of national educational needs.

Like most of Britain's other current troubles, the shortcomings of the Universities are largely attributed to the war.

They exist, the Committee said, despite the fact that University incomes have more than doubled in the 12 years covered by the report. Most of the money is provided by the government.

Most popular University courses since the war are in science and technology, the number of students in these studies almost doubling in two years.

NO ACCOMMODATION
The Committee said that increased enrolment since the war has "in most Universities overwhelmed the existing accommodation and the shortage of teaching staff due to the intermission of training and recruitment during the war will only correct itself gradually."

"Unless additional accommodation can be speedily provided," it continued, "the present student numbers cannot be maintained without grave risk of impairing, not only academic standards which can be measured directly by examination results, but also those intangible elements which form so valuable a part of University life."

The report said there is need for "large increases in the numbers of academic staff," and emphasised the "imperative" need for an upward revision of salaries.—Associated Press.

YUAN PROTESTS CONFISCATIONS

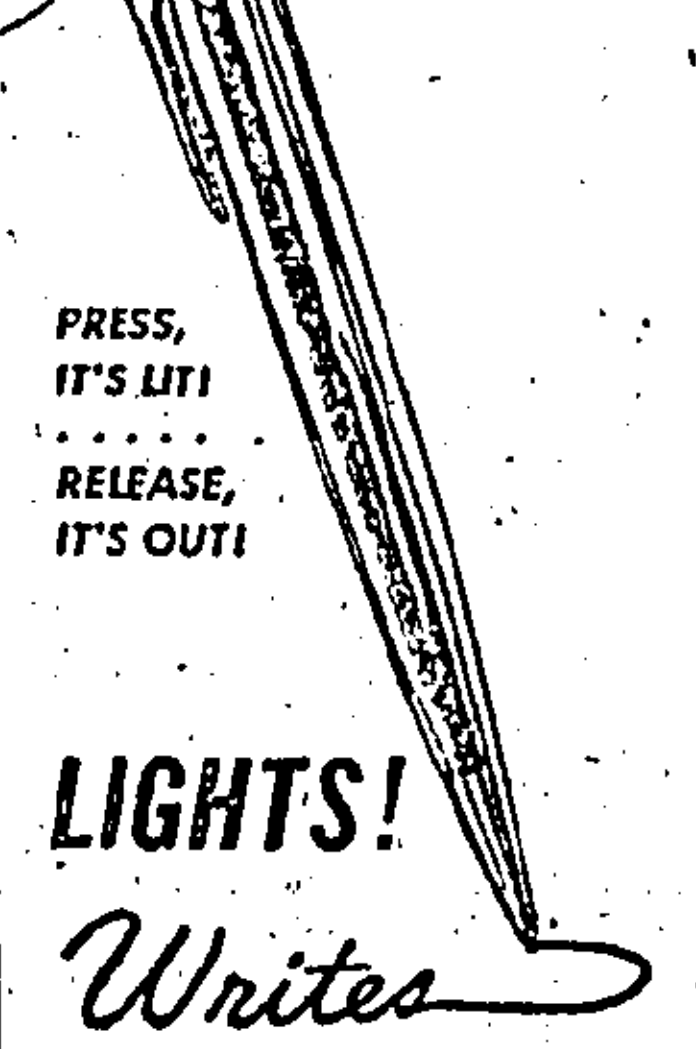
Nanking, Dec. 22.—The Legislative Yuan today adopted an emergency resolution protesting against what it called the "arbitrary confiscation" of gold bullion and foreign currency from evacuees to Canton and Taiwan.

Legislators demanded an explanation from the Executive Yuan why Shanghai customs officers had confiscated from evacuees bullion and currency exceeding two ounces of gold and US\$100.

They claimed that it was legal under the existing legislation for travellers in other parts of China to possess gold bars and foreign currency but illegal only to trade with them.—Reuter-AAP.

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The Lot, with the next mentioned Lot represents one of the most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road still available for development and is ideally suitable for the erection of a modern Cinema, Theatre, Hotel or the like.

Lot No. 2.

Situate on the corner of Nathan Road and Dundas Street. Area approximately 4850 square feet. Frontage on Nathan Road approximately 152 feet and on Dundas Street 320 feet.

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This Lot with its large frontage on Nathan Road and Dundas Street is one of the largest and most valuable sites in the Mongkok area of Nathan Road now available for development. The Factory building could at comparatively little expense easily be converted for use as a Hotel, School, Office Block or the like.

A small portion of the vacant land at the rear of the Factory Building is now let on a monthly tenancy as open storage space. Notice to quit has been given to the Tenant.

Lots 3-10.

Situate on Soy Street and between the proposed extensions of Sai Yeung Choi Street and Tung Choi Street. The area of each Lot will be about 1000-1100 square feet with a depth of 65 feet.

The Vendors will in the event of the Lots being sold construct at their own expense a public road 60 feet wide being an extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street.

These Lots are vacant land and are suitable for the building of shops and dwelling houses.

Lots 8, 9 and 10 are let on a monthly tenancy for the storage of motor trucks.

Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

Lots 11-20.

Situate on the proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. The area of each Lot will be from 1100-1500 square feet with a depth of about 65 feet.

These Lots are vacant land free from tenancy and are suitable for the building of shops and dwelling houses.

All the Lots are held under a Crown Lease for 75 years (renewable for a further 75 years) from 28th January, 1907.

No building covenant attaches to the Lots to be sold.

The Purchaser of each Lot will be required to pay a proportion of the Crown Rent calculated at the rate of approximately \$8.00 per 1000 square feet of the area purchased.

Copies of a preliminary plan showing the situation and approximate areas can be seen at the Office of the Vendors, 16B, Des Voeux Road, Mezzanine Floor, Gloucester Building or Messrs. Deacons Solicitors for the Vendors 1 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor or the undersigned during business hours.

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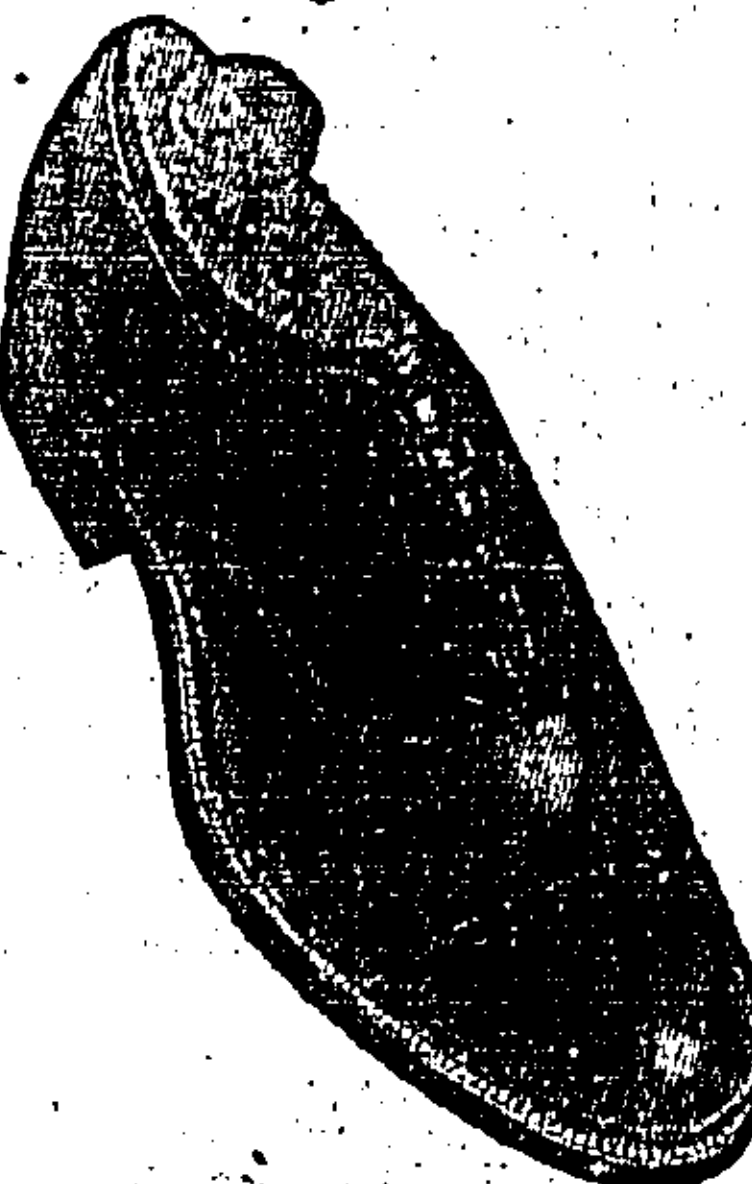
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